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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed December 6, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed June 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on **August 4, 2006**, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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